

Agenda
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation**

March 16, 2007

1:30 – 2:55 pm

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Access Code: *916471 (council and core team members)

Access Code: 70873 (everyone else)

- I. Approval of Agenda Co-Chair Jason Miller
Approval of Minutes, March 9, 2007

- II. Status of Work Comp Bills (see attached Bill Status) Jerry Keck, Administrator
Employment Relations Division
 - HB 65 - no action requested
 - HB 72 - no action requested
 - HB 738 – action requested
 - HB 785 – action requested
 - HB 786 – action requested

 - SB 97 – no action requested
 - SB108 – no action requested
 - SB 214 - no action requested
 - SB 426 - action requested
 - SB 444 - no action requested

- III. Agenda Items for Advisory Council Meeting in May Jerry Keck
 - Summary of insurer financial results
 - Summary of legislative action
 - Safety/incident rate modeling
 - Exemptions and cost shifting
 - Regulation/oversight of claims examiners

- IV. Public Comment
(If as a member of the public, you logged into the call
using access code 70873, please press 6 on your
keypad if you wish to comment.)

- V. Next Steps Jerry Keck

Note:

- You may also participate in the conference call at the Employment Relations Division office at 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena
- About those access codes: In an effort to minimize background noise during call, we request that public participants use the 70873 access code, which allows you to listen but mutes your phone. However, during the public comment period, you are welcome to participate by simply pressing the 6 on your phone keypad to unmute your phone.

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2007 Workers' Compensation Legislation
Active Bill Status
March 16, 2007

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to Senate	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in Senate	Status
HB 65	Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/6	Passed Senate
HB 72	Revise professional employer organization law	1/30	2/2 Approved	3/7	Transmitted to Governor
HB 738	Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates	2/27			Committee hearing not scheduled
HB 785	Exempting certain athletes from workers' compensation	2/26			Committee hearing not scheduled
HB 786	Exempt from work comp law certain motor carriers	2/27			Committee hearing not scheduled

Bill	Short Title	Transmitted to House	Advisory Council action	Committee Hearing in House	Status
SB 97	Clarify handling of highway patrol work comp claims	1/16	1/19 Approved		Passed House
SB 108	Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc	2/07	2/9 Approved	3/16	
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers	1/31	2/2 Approved	3/21	
SB 426	Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases	2/27		3/21	
SB 444	Revise APRN treating of injured workers	2/19	2/23 Discussed, no action; 3/9 Approved		Committee hearing not scheduled

Agency-requested bills in bold type